

**Jessie Duncan Elementary School  
School Council  
Minutes**

Wednesday October 18, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

- 1.0 Call to order at 7:01 pm by Chairperson Brandi Filipchuk

**Members present:**

Brandi Filipchuk, Chairperson  
Natasha Caissie, Secretary  
Kory Sholdice, Principal  
Susan Dillabough, Vice-Principal  
Sherry Cooper, School Board Trustee  
Margo Gruenewald, Teacher Representative  
Tyrone Muller, Councillor Town of Penhold  
Jamie Seiyama, FCSS  
Laura Gillam, Director  
William Langlois, Director  
Myranda Radomske, Director  
Whitney Usselman, Director  
Brooke Frenette, Parent  
Ellen McKane, Parent

**Members Absent:**

Laurin Levick, Director  
Cassandra Mierau, Director

- 2.0 **Welcome/ Introductions**

- Icebreaker: Fun facts about yourself

- 3.0 **Making a motion**

- Handout available

- 4.0 **Approval of Agenda (as Amended)**

Moved By: Ellen McKane  
Second: William Langlois  
CARRIED

- 5.0 **Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2023 meeting**

Moved By: Ellen McKane  
CARRIED

- vi) **IPP Writing Night**
  - Individual progress planning (goals/plans/planning/strategies) for individuals with
    - medical/learning diagnoses
    - ESL (English second language)
  - KITE plans- behaviour/self-regulation team plan
  
- vii) **Oct 20- Staff Learning Day**
  - Curriculum learning (second year for math & LA first year for science)
  - Do Hard Things book study-goal setting
  - Staff from Webber physio-social/emotional regulation & the nervous system
  - EA's –learning series from the Division
  
- viii) **Orange Shirt Day**
  - Had an assembly
  - Afternoon learning in classrooms
  
- ix) **Engagement Grant update**
  - Division is applying for it
  
- x) **Halloween**
  - Tuesday October 31, costumes on at noon, 2:15 parade around school and gym
  - Classrooms hosting own activities
  - Fun songs/dance in gym
  
- xi) **Remembrance Day**
  - November 8 at 1:30pm at the Penhold Crossing/Multiplex gyms
  - All 3 schools participating
  
- xii) **Work Experience Students**
  - High school student-working with grade 1's, wants to become a teacher
  - Grade 9 leadership students to come
  
- b) **Teacher Report – Mrs. Gruenewald, *Teacher Representative***
  - Kindergarten-routines & following the plan, letters & sounds (S, A), counting to 10, colour unit
  - Grade 1- review of letters and sounds, beginning reading (CVC), addition & subtraction to 5, pumpkin unit
  - Grade 2- patterns, measuring, story writing (beginnings/middle/ends), community unit, Meteghan unit
  - Grade 3- addition & subtraction, novel study, mapping, descriptive writing
  
- c) **School Board Trustee's Report – Sherry Cooper, *School Board Trustee***
  - Review of Financials (year end is August 31) approval end November/early December

- a) Kinder / New Student Shirts
  - School will pay for them this year

## 8.0 New Business

- b) Focus Group Invitation from Alberta Education
  - Insight from parents perspective
  - Survey will be sent out to parent council
  - Zoom meeting October 30 7:00-8:30
  
- c) Shed - alternative playground activities
  - Want to engage kids that don't use the playground equipment
    - "Schlockey"-need cement pad, cut off hockey sticks and puck
    - "Junk" Shed for large loose part imaginative play- need more information on this before proceeding
    - 4 square
  
- d) ASCA Workshops –
  - i) Chair Basics for Executive Board Members
    - Discussion occurred on going to one of the online presentations for the executive council members-costs 200+GST, settled on the one in November
    - **Motion to**
      - Use the ASCE grant to pay for Brandi and members to attend the Chair Basics presentation on November 7**
      - By: Ellen McKane**
      - Second: Myranda Radomske**
      - CARRIED**
  
  - ii) The Work of School Council or School Councils Purpose
    - Tabled to next meeting, look at handout to see if there is any interest in attending
  
- e) Meetings- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Time Change? (6pm/6:30pm/7pm)  
(Nov 15<sup>th</sup> time conflict for school staff?)
  - Staff is staying after school to attend
  - Discussion occurred as to whether we want a time change
  - **Motion to**
    - **Move the meeting time to 6:00pm moving forward starting with our November meeting with it being re-evaluated at the AGM in September**
    - Moved by: Ellen McKane**
    - Second: Whitney Usselman**
    - CARRIED**
  
- f) Feedback about new Photographer/ process of viewing photos